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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 1955749 A (JONES) 24 April 1934 See whole document.	1-4, 6, 8-10 12-13, 16-18
X	DE 3340509 A (TILL et al) 21 March 1985 See whole document.	1-4, 6, 8, 11
X	US 2001/0047814 A (NWOKO et al) 6 December 2001 See whole document.	1-4, 8-10, 11, 16-18

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